

## SEVERE LOCAL STORMS, DECEMBER, 1932

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[The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A revised list of tornadoes will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau]

| Place   | Date  | Time        | Width of path (yards) | Loss of life | Value of property destroyed | Character of storm      | Remarks  | Authority                       |
|---|-------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Salem, Ark.....                                       | 6     |             |                       |              | \$1,000                     | Heavy hail.....         | Damage to property.....  | Official, U. S. Weather Bureau. |
| Windsor and Carlin, Ill., and vicinity.               | 6     |             |                       |              |                             | Electrical.....         | 2 barns burned after being struck by lightning..   | Do.                             |
| Southern Indiana.....                                 | 6     |             |                       |              |                             | do.....                 | Small property damage caused by lightning and fire.  | Do.                             |
| Choteau and Butte, Mont.                              | 6     |             |                       | 3            |                             | Blizzard.....           | No details reported.....   | Do.                             |
| Evansville, Ind.....                                  | 6-7   |             |                       |              |                             | Electrical.....         | Small damage to property.....  | Do.                             |
| Memphis, Tenn.....                                    | 8-14  |             |                       |              | 22,000                      | Glaze.....              | Damage to telephone and power lines and to railways; many persons injured because of slippery pavements.   | Do.                             |
| Cairo, Ill., and vicinity...                          | 9-10  |             |                       |              |                             | Sleet and glaze...      | Some interruption of street-car traffic; highway traffic affected.   | Do.                             |
| Lexington, Ky.....                                    | 10    | A. m.       |                       |              |                             | Snow, sleet, and glaze. | Telephone and telegraph wires and trees damaged; traffic greatly impeded.  | Do.                             |
| Eastern and southern Arkansas.                        | 10-16 |             |                       | 2            | 170,000                     | Glaze.....              | Telephone and telegraph and power lines severely damaged; travel everywhere exceedingly hazardous; many schools closed.                            | Do.                             |
| Parker and Yuma, Ariz...                              | 12-13 |             |                       |              |                             | Sleet and snow...       | No other details.....  | Do.                             |
| Northern and southwestern portions of Alabama.        | 13-19 |             |                       |              |                             | Glaze.....              | Severe damage to power and communication lines and to much young timber and many fruit trees.  | Do.                             |
| Northeastern Georgia....                              | 15-17 |             |                       |              |                             | Rain, sleet, snow..     | Wires and trees broken down; interruptions to communication systems and lighting service.  | Do.                             |
| North Carolina (eastern half).                        | 16-17 |             |                       |              |                             | do.....                 | Damage to telegraph and telephone lines and to timber.   | Do.                             |
| Upper Cherokee County S. C.                           | 16-17 |             |                       |              |                             | Sleet, ice and snow-    | No details reported.....   | Do.                             |
| Tennessee (entire State)...                           | 16-17 |             |                       |              |                             | Snowstorm.....          | All forms of transportation at standstill for several days; scores of persons injured.   | Do.                             |
| Vicksburg, Miss.....                                  | 16-19 |             |                       |              |                             | Glaze.....              | Serious loss in live stock and wild animal life....  | Do.                             |
| Richmond, Va., and vicinity.                          | 17    |             |                       | 2            |                             | Snow and sleet....      | Traffic throughout State delayed for 3 days.....   | Do.                             |
| New York, N. Y.....                                   | 18    |             |                       |              |                             | Snowstorm.....          | In New York Harbor ferry and other traffic delayed because of poor visibility in the whirling snow.  | Do.                             |
| Everett to Bellingham, Wash., and vicinity.           | 19    |             |                       | 1            | 75,000                      | Gale.....               | Damage to beach houses in vicinity of Everett; in Bellingham windows were blown in; concrete and wooden bulkheads badly damaged by battering logs. | Do.                             |
| Straits of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound region, Wash. | 23-24 |             |                       | 1            | 25,000                      | do.....                 | Telephone lines and trees blown down; roofs blown off; roads blocked.  | Do.                             |
| Cypress, Tex.....                                     | 23    | 6:30 p. m.  |                       |              | 250                         | Wind.....               | Small frame structure damaged.....   | Do.                             |
| Sourlake, Tex.....                                    | 23    | 8 p. m.     | 440                   |              | 25,000                      | Tornado.....            | Telephone service interrupted; about 50 derricks blown down; path 1 mile long.   | Do.                             |
| Plum Bayou to England, Ark.                           | 24    | 12:30 a. m. |                       |              | 40,000                      | do.....                 | 12 persons injured; property damaged; path 11 miles long.  | Do.                             |
| Rockville (near), Ind.....                            | 24    |             |                       |              | 100                         | Wind.....               | High school building unroofed.....   | Do.                             |
| Northwestern Iowa.....                                | 24    |             |                       |              |                             | Sleet and glaze...      | Considerable damage and some casualties.....   | Do.                             |
| Eau Claire, Wis.....                                  | 24    |             |                       |              | 200                         | Glaze.....              | Transmission wires broken.....   | Do.                             |
| Clarksville, Hampton, and Heber Springs, Ark.         | 24-25 |             |                       |              | 11,000                      | Wind.....               | Damage to property.....  | Do.                             |
| St. Paul, Minn.....                                   | 24-25 |             |                       |              | 10,000                      | Snow and glaze...       | Damage to power lines and trees.....   | Do.                             |
| Northern Georgia.....                                 | 25-28 |             |                       |              |                             | Sleet and snow...       | Wire systems interrupted; damage to fruit and pecan trees and to all timber.   | Do.                             |